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SUBJ: PRESIDENT NIXON'S MESSAGE ON AUSTRALIA DAY

REF: (A) STATE 012414 (B) CANBERRA 0425

1. UNDER DATE OF FEB 7 GOVERNOR GENERAL PASSED TO US
FOL MESSAGE WITH REQUEST IT BE CONVEYED TO PRESIDENT:

QTE THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITES STATES OF AMERICA,

QTE THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND MESSAGE ON THE OCCASION
OF AUSTRALIA DAY WHICH I MUCH APPRECIATED.

QTE PAUL HASLUCK. GOVERNOR GENERAL. END QTE

2. COMMENT: AUSTRALIA DAY IS NOT RPT NOT AUSTRALIA'S
NATIONAL DAY BUT IS, AS MESSAGE IN REF B INDICATES,
ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST SETTLEMENT OF AUSTRALIA. NATIONAL
DAY IS QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WHICH, IN AUSTRALIA, IS FIRST
MONDAY IN JUNE. IN 1974, THIS WILL BE JUNE 17.

REALIZE THAT MESSAGE IN REF A IS ESSENTIALLY ROUTINE,
BUT SUGGEST FUTURE MESSAGES, ON QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY
(OR SUCH ANNIVERSARY AS MAY BE SELECTED IN FUTURE)
SIMPLY REFER TO NATIONAL DAY, RATHER THAN ANNIVERSARY
OF INDEPENDENCE. AUSTRALIA REMAINS PART OF COMMON-
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WEALTH, AND QUEEN ELIZABETH IS LEGAL SOVEREIGN OF

AUSTRALIA.
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